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GENERAL CARL SPAATZ, COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCE, 3,
BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON EXPENDITURES IN THE EXECUTIVE
DEPARTMENT, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, RE. H. R. 2319. - 13 May 47.

The world is in the midst of technical and scientific developments which makes compulsory a reorganization of our National Security establishments.

The most compelling factor is the constantly increasing power to inflict overwhelming destruction by long range attack through the air. Whether the instrument used be the heavy bomber, the rocket, or the guided missile, this power of destruction may well be applied without warning, from any part of the earth to any other part. The strategic air offensive began to be effective only five years ago. It now determines new requirements for National Security, which any nation can disregard to its own peril.

There have been two great extensions in human capability for movement -- the first over the ocean, the second into the air.

The invention of the compass and the quadrant made possible the conquest of the sea, which developed sea power as a major influence in making the modern world.

In the days of sail, when America was a young nation, we did have a passive security in remoteness. It was difficult for an enemy to get at us. But with the acceleration of speed of ships our country became exposed to attack on our areas of vulnerability, our coasts and our commerce. To meet this threat there evolved the concept of the Fleet-in-Being to control vital areas of the sea against attack over the water.

Meanwhile, we have advanced our capability for movement into the air. The use of the air has given us a new control over time and space, with almost unlimited freedom of movement; a new capability for distant reconnaissance; and a new power of offense in war. The use of air power brings into range not only the enemy's armed strength on the periphery, but also his internal industrial and transport capacity. The strategic air offensive is directed primarily not against his battle strength, but against the source of war strength within his borders where he is weak in defense. Its purpose is to break his will to resist by destruction of his means. Direct attack on the heart of the enemy has never been possible before until surface forces were defeated.

Strategic use of air power has made war total, and moved it inland to include every city and every human being in any nation engaged. There is no geographical escape from its reach. Attacks in any future war are no longer confined to our land and sea frontiers. The whole sky over America is an ocean of air for the movement of the airplane.

As a nation we must lift our sights to embrace this new factor: total war dictates total security.

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REMARKS: The attached is of interest, as it indicates a possible trend of an amendment from the floor. If the bill gets that far, we better confer with its floor managers to make certain that they beat off any such amendment attempts

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